

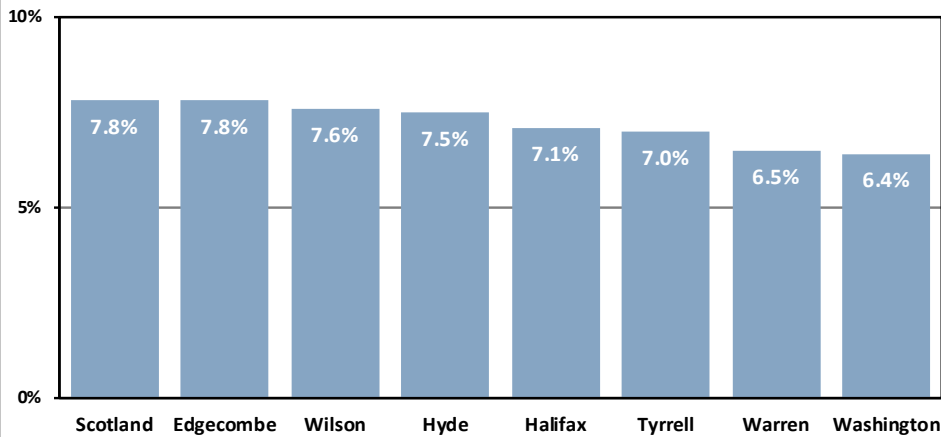
North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

May
2017

Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates

May 2017*

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 4.3 percent in May. This was 0.1 of a percentage point increase from April's revised rate, while falling 0.4 of a percentage point over the year.

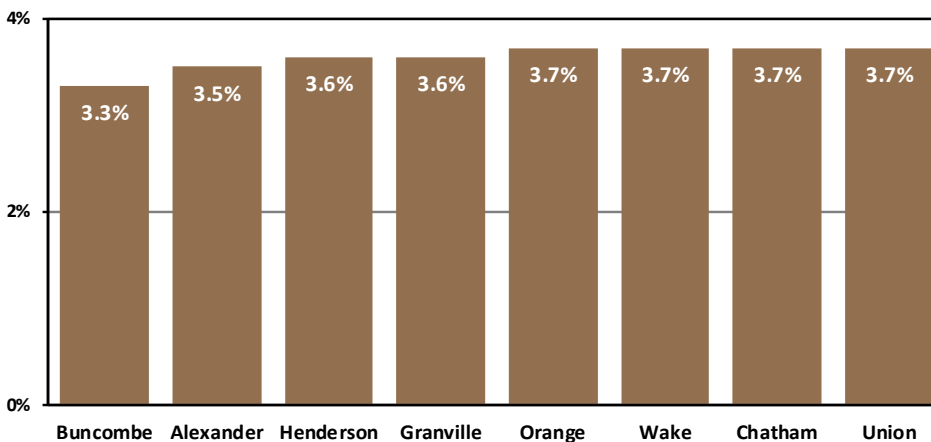
Over the month, the unemployment rate increased in 67 of 100 counties. Forty-one counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 4.3 percent rate.

Scotland & Edgecombe County recorded May's highest unemployment rate at 7.8 percent, followed by Wilson at 7.6 percent, Hyde at 7.5 percent, Halifax at 7.1 percent, and Tyrrell at 7.0 percent. Buncombe County had the lowest unemployment rate at 3.3 percent, followed by Alexander at 3.5 percent, and Henderson & Granville at 3.6 percent.

Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates

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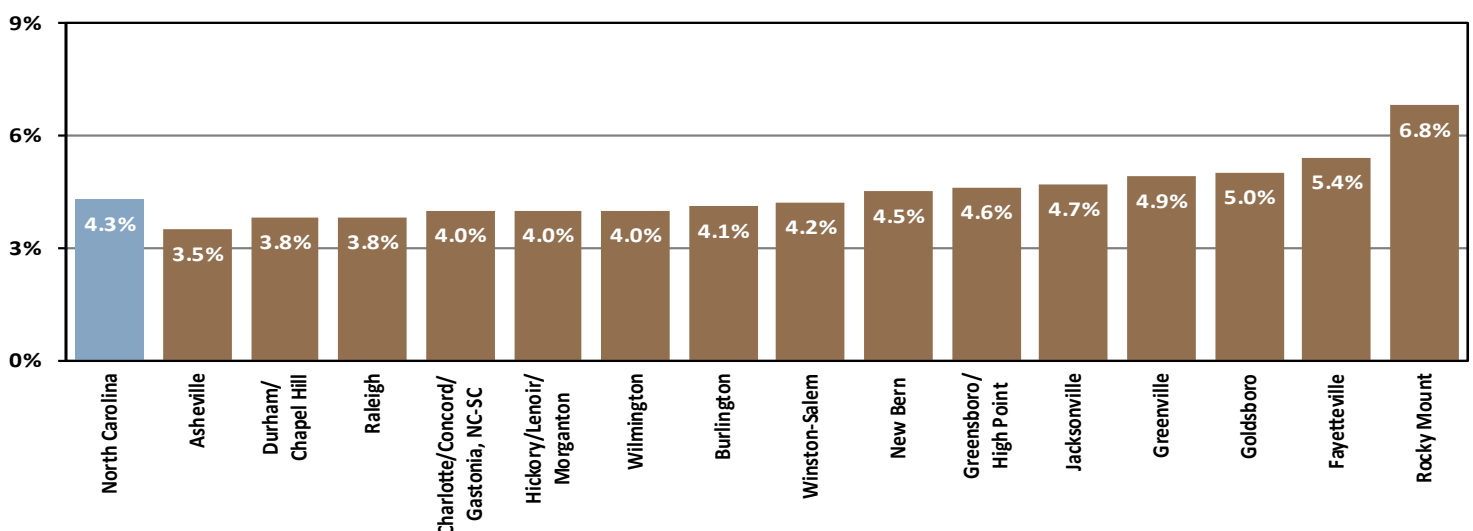


Unemployment rates increased in 13 of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Rocky Mount MSA had the highest unemployment rate in May at 6.8 percent, followed by Fayetteville at 5.4 percent. Asheville reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 3.5 percent, followed by Durham/Chapel Hill & Raleigh, 3.8 percent, and Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC, Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton & Wilmington, 4.0 percent.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates

May 2017*

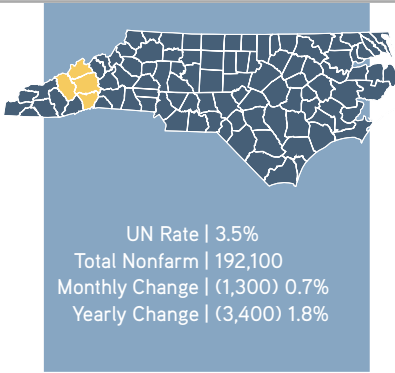
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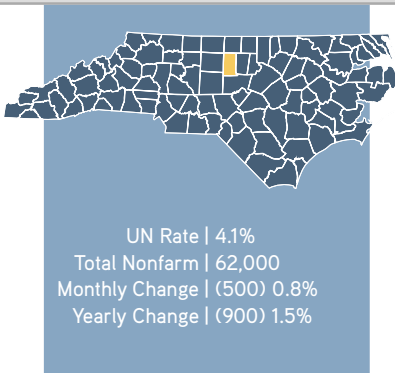
Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2017



Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	2.4%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-300	-0.9%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	1.6%
Professional & Business Services	200	1.1%
Education & Health Services	300	0.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	500	1.8%
Other Services	100	1.2%
Government	200	0.8%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	300	3.7%
Manufacturing	300	1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400	1.2%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	1,000	5.5%
Education & Health Services	1,300	3.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-300	-1.1%
Other Services	300	3.8%
Government	100	0.4%

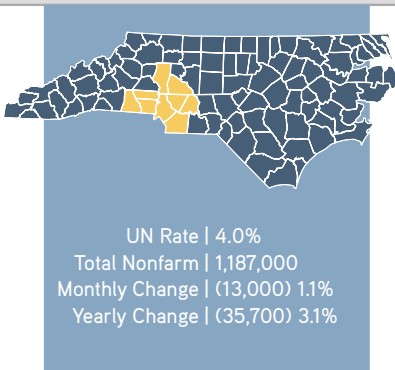
Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2017



Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	3.9%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.8%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	200	2.6%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	100	1.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	3.9%
Manufacturing	300	3.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300	2.4%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	100	1.9%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	100	1.3%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	0	0.0%

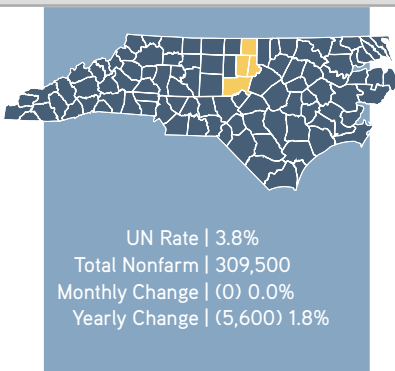
Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2017



Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	2,000	3.2%
Manufacturing	1,500	1.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,300	0.6%
Information	200	0.7%
Financial Activities	-400	-0.5%
Professional & Business Services	3,100	1.5%
Education & Health Services	-200	-0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,000	3.0%
Other Services	1,100	2.8%
Government	400	0.3%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	3,500	5.7%
Manufacturing	1,300	1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	5,000	2.1%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,800	2.1%
Professional & Business Services	13,100	6.8%
Education & Health Services	1,800	1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	500	0.4%
Other Services	1,700	4.4%
Government	7,000	4.6%

Durham/Chapel Hill MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2017



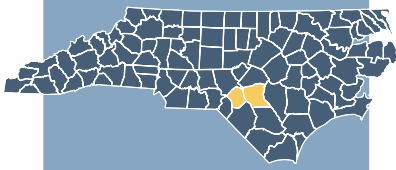
Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	1.3%
Manufacturing	100	0.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.3%
Information	100	2.2%
Financial Activities	100	0.7%
Professional & Business Services	100	0.2%
Education & Health Services	-600	-0.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	800	3.0%
Other Services	100	0.8%
Government	-900	-1.3%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	2.6%
Manufacturing	200	0.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-200	-0.6%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	300	2.0%
Professional & Business Services	1,800	4.3%
Education & Health Services	1,500	2.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200	-0.7%
Other Services	1,000	8.9%
Government	1,000	1.5%

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Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2017

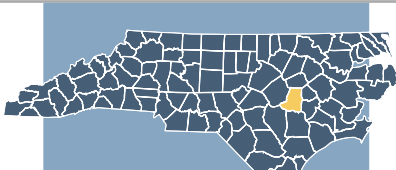


UN Rate | 5.4%
 Total Nonfarm | 130,600
 Monthly Change | (800) 0.6%
 Yearly Change | (-600) -0.5%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	2.2%
Manufacturing	-100	-1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300	1.3%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	100	0.8%
Education & Health Services	-100	-0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	400	2.5%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	100	0.3%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	2.2%
Manufacturing	200	2.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-400	-1.7%
Information	-100	-7.7%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-700	-5.5%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	400	2.5%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-100	-0.3%

Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2017

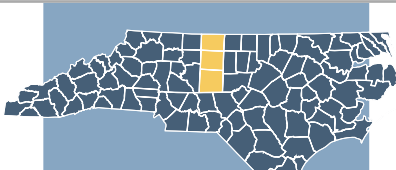


UN Rate | 5.0%
 Total Nonfarm | 41,800
 Monthly Change | (300) 0.7%
 Yearly Change | (-300) -0.7%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing	*	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	0	0.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing	*	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	0	0.0%

Greensboro/High Point MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2017

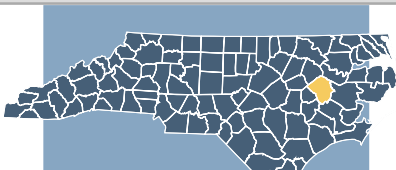


UN Rate | 4.6%
 Total Nonfarm | 363,300
 Monthly Change | (1,400) 0.4%
 Yearly Change | (4,500) 1.3%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	0.7%
Manufacturing	300	0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-800	-1.1%
Information	100	2.2%
Financial Activities	200	1.1%
Professional & Business Services	400	0.8%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	800	2.4%
Other Services	100	0.8%
Government	200	0.5%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	500	3.5%
Manufacturing	200	0.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,700	2.3%
Information	-100	-2.1%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	3,100	6.4%
Education & Health Services	300	0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-700	-2.0%
Other Services	100	0.8%
Government	-600	-1.3%

Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2017



UN Rate | 4.9%
 Total Nonfarm | 79,000
 Monthly Change | (600) 0.8%
 Yearly Change | (100) 0.1%

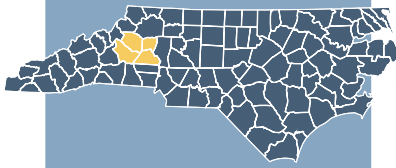
Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-100	-1.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.9%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	100	1.5%
Education & Health Services	-100	-1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	100	1.1%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	500	1.9%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-3.1%
Manufacturing	-400	-6.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300	2.6%
Information	-100	-11.1%
Financial Activities	100	3.5%
Professional & Business Services	100	1.5%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	100	1.1%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	100	0.4%

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Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2017

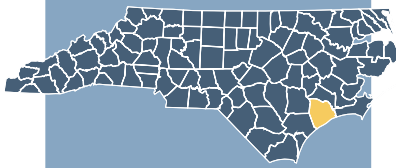


UN Rate | 4.0%
 Total Nonfarm | 153,100
 Monthly Change | (600) 0.4%
 Yearly Change | (1,900) 1.3%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.3%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	100	0.7%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	200	1.4%
Other Services	100	2.2%
Government	100	0.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-200	-0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	800	2.8%
Information	-100	-11.1%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	700	4.9%
Education & Health Services	200	1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	500	3.7%
Other Services	100	2.2%
Government	-100	-0.4%

Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2017

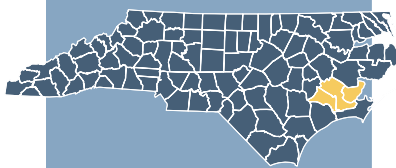


UN Rate | 4.7%
 Total Nonfarm | 49,800
 Monthly Change | (400) 0.8%
 Yearly Change | (300) 0.6%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing	*	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	0	0.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing	*	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	300	2.1%

New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2017

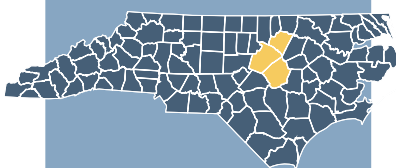


UN Rate | 4.5%
 Total Nonfarm | 45,700
 Monthly Change | (300) 0.7%
 Yearly Change | (600) 1.3%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing	*	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	100	0.7%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing	*	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	100	0.7%

Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2017



UN Rate | 3.8%
 Total Nonfarm | 616,800
 Monthly Change | (3,200) 0.5%
 Yearly Change | (15,700) 2.6%

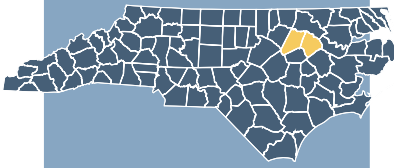
Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	0.3%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	600	0.6%
Information	200	0.9%
Financial Activities	100	0.3%
Professional & Business Services	1,700	1.5%
Education & Health Services	1,400	1.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	500	0.7%
Other Services	300	1.2%
Government	-1,700	-1.7%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-300	-0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	700	0.7%
Information	400	1.9%
Financial Activities	1,500	4.9%
Professional & Business Services	8,300	7.5%
Education & Health Services	1,400	1.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,700	2.5%
Other Services	1,000	4.2%
Government	1,000	1.1%

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Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2017

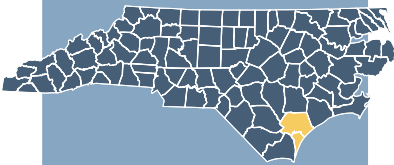


UN Rate | 6.8%
 Total Nonfarm | 56,000
 Monthly Change | (200) 0.4%
 Yearly Change | (-900) -1.6%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.9%
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	100	1.7%
Other Services	*	
Government	100	0.9%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-600	-5.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0	0.0%
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	200	3.9%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100	-1.7%
Other Services	*	
Government	-100	-0.9%

Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2017

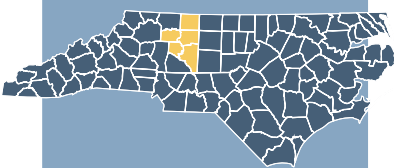


UN Rate | 4.0%
 Total Nonfarm | 128,000
 Monthly Change | (1,300) 1.0%
 Yearly Change | (2,700) 2.2%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	1.4%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-200	-0.9%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-200	-1.2%
Education & Health Services	100	0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,000	5.0%
Other Services	100	1.9%
Government	400	1.7%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	1.4%
Manufacturing	-100	-1.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-600	-2.5%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	1.8%
Professional & Business Services	300	1.9%
Education & Health Services	1,200	8.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	800	4.0%
Other Services	200	3.9%
Government	700	3.0%

Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2017



UN Rate | 4.2%
 Total Nonfarm | 262,400
 Monthly Change | (1,200) 0.5%
 Yearly Change | (-400) -0.2%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	1.9%
Manufacturing	-800	-2.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-300	-0.6%
Information	100	5.6%
Financial Activities	100	0.8%
Professional & Business Services	1,000	3.0%
Education & Health Services	-100	-0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	700	2.5%
Other Services	100	1.2%
Government	200	0.6%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	500	5.0%
Manufacturing	-1,000	-3.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-900	-1.9%
Information	-100	-5.0%
Financial Activities	100	0.8%
Professional & Business Services	-1,000	-2.8%
Education & Health Services	1,300	2.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	600	2.1%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	100	0.3%

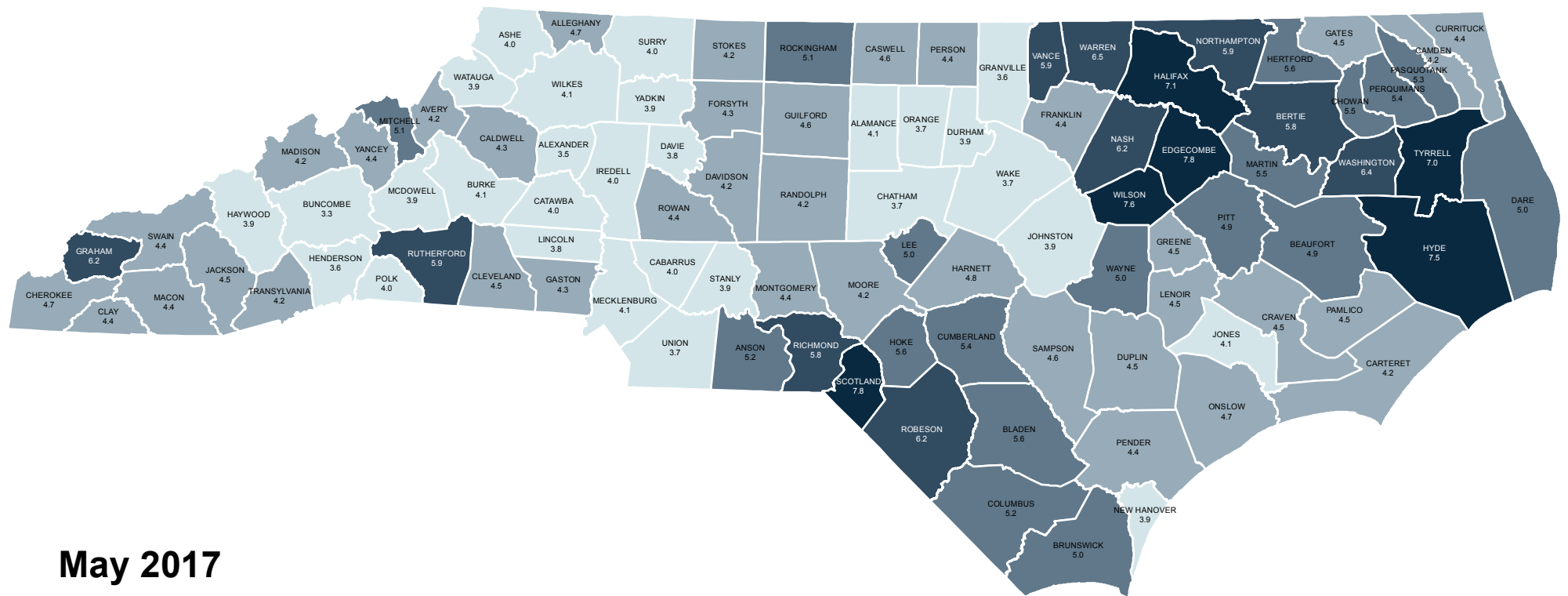
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Over the month, net industry employment increased in 14 of 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase with 13,000, followed by Raleigh, 3,200; Greensboro/High Point, 1,400; Asheville, 1,300; Wilmington, 1,300; and Winston-Salem, 1,200. Durham/Chapel Hill remained unchanged over the month. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC experienced the greatest percentage increase at 1.1 percent, followed by Wilmington, 1.0 percent; Burlington, Greenville & Jacksonville, 0.8 of a percentage point; and Asheville, Goldsboro & New Bern, 0.7 of a percentage point. It is important to note that employment estimates are subject to large seasonal patterns; therefore, it is advisable to focus on over-the-year changes in the not seasonally adjusted series.

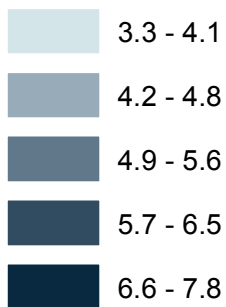
Over the year, employment increased in 11 of 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase at 35,700, followed by Raleigh, 15,700; Durham/Chapel Hill, 5,600; Greensboro/High Point, 4,500; and Asheville, 3,400. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the greatest percentage increase at 3.1 percent, followed by Raleigh, 2.6 percent; Wilmington, 2.2 percent; and Asheville & Durham/Chapel Hill, 1.8 percent.

North Carolina Unemployment Rates by County

May 2017



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- ^ 67 Counties Higher Than Previous Month
- v 13 Counties Lower Than Previous Month
- = 20 Counties Same as Previous Month

North Carolina Rate 4.3%
Not Seasonally Adjusted

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